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- 1. Groups of partisans have constructed shelters in the mountains located around the monasteries of Crasna and Cheia in the Frahova region, northeast of Ploesti. They are supplied with food by the monks of the two monasteries as well as by the peasants, villagers of the neighboring villages. The villagers keep contact with them through couriers and leave the food in pre-arranged places.
- 2. The militia has taken measures to break contact between the partisans and those who help them, hoping to force the partisans to leave their hideouts to search for food. The militia forbade the monks to go to the woods to gather wood, medical plants, and mushrooms, in order to prevent contact with the partisans. At the same time the militia organized patrols of two to three men in civilian clothes and assigned them to ride horseback along the paths of the woods and to observe all points likely to be used by the partisans.
- 3. The partisans groups are made up of men from the region and are mostly persons hounded by the Communists for their hostile attitudes. They joined the partisans when they could no longer hide in their own villages. They carry out no aggressive actions although they are armed. In order to avoid being discovered prematurely, they are waiting for the outbreak of war before starting operations.
- 4. The Communist authorities are afraid of these groups despite the fact that they are not too strong. They represent a danger because of the geographic position in the immediate vicinity of the oil regions and the lines of communications with the Easts the railroad and the asphalt highway Ploesti-Buzau-Focsani-Braila.
- 5. In the region of Bistrita-Nasaud (especially in the big forest of Silhoasa) there is a strong group of partisans, well organized on a military system and equipped with arms left behind by German troops. This group attempts to control the communications system of the region. It is said that there were several

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clashes between the group and units of security and militia. In the clashes there were heavy losses on both sides, but with heavier losses among the regular troops.

- 6. In the Fagaras region the peasants tell about groups of partisans organized in the vicinities of Beclean, Parau, the forests of Comana-de-Sus, Falmand, Venetia, Sambata, and Parau. It is said about these partisans that they are in liaison with resistance movements abroad and that they are supplied by American planes. On the occasion of such a transport of supplies, some agents from abroad were believed to have been parachuted in, but they were captured by the security troops. Subsequent to the agents! trial, there were anti-American meetings in factories and requests that all saboteurs, spies, and traitors be condemned.
- 7. In the Apuseni mountains there are believed to be groups of partisans in the regions of Maneasa, Halmagiu, Campeni and Valea Crisului.
- 8. There are a few partisan groups in the mountains of Buzau and Vrancei. During a fight between the partisans and security troops, some of the partisans were captured and condemned by the military tribunal of Stalin (Brasov). They were sent to do forced labor on the Danube-Black Sea Canal.
- 9. In the mountains and forests neighboring Stalin there are partisan groups which are sustained by the population. They made scattered raids against militia and security troops along the communication lines. The attacks were of no particular importance.

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